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SUBJECT: PROJECTED DAC ODA LEVELS: SWEDEN

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1. ACCORDING TO HEAD OF MFA'S FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PLANNING UNIT, LARS ANELL, GOS CANNOT NOW PROVIDE PROJECTIONS OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LEVELS (ODA) FOR 1975-781 ROYAL COMMISSION WILL REPORT IN 1976 ON ITS REVIEW OF SWEDISH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION WILL HAVE IMPORTANT EFFECT ON SIZE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SWEDISH AID. ANELL COULD ONLY SAY THAT SWEDEN INTENDED TO MAINTAIN ITS TOTAL AID LEVEL AT ONE PERCENT OF GNP. YEARLY LEVELS WILL THEREFORE DEPEND UPON GNP GROWTH RATE. (FINANCE MINISTRY DOES NOT MAKE FORECASTS FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR AHEAD BUT CONSIDERS VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE ASSUMPTIONS FOR LONGER PERIODS. MINISTRY OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THREE PERCENT AVERAGE ANNUAL REAL GROWTH 1976-79 AS REASONABLE ASSUMPTION. GNP 1975 IS ESTIMATED TO REACH SKR 288 BILLION WITH 1.6 PERCENT VOLUME GROWTH FORECAST FOR 1976.)

2. ANELL COMMENTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN TENDENCY FOR SHARE OF
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MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE IN TOTAL SWEDISH AID TO DECREASE DURING

PAST 7-8 YEARS. ANELL EXPECTED THAT DECREASE WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL IT REACHED SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 25 PERCENT OF TOTAL AID. HE BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS STRONG OPINION IN PARLIAMENT IN FAVOR OF MULTILATERAL AID THAT WOULD PREVENT LOWERING OF SHARE BEYOND THIS POINT. HE SAW TENDENCY AMONG ALL COUNTRIES GENERALLY TO RESERVE ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF THEIR AID FOR MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; IN HIS VIEW COUNTRIES WITH SMALL SHARE OF TOTAL AID CHANNELED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE INCREASING THIS SHARE AND COUNTRIES WITH HITHERTO LARGE MULTILATERAL AID COMPONENT ARE CUTTING BACK.

3. ANELL COULD NOT GIVE ANY BREAKDOWN OF PROBABLE DISTRIBUTION OF SWEDISH MULTILATERAL AID AMONG MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS, PENDING COMMISSION REPORT. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT RECENT CONGRESS OF RULING SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAD AGREED THAT SHARE OF SWEDEN'S CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WILL BE DECREASED. ANELL BELIEVED THIS ACTION WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE TAKEN.

4. SWEDISH AID FIGURES (CURRENT KRONOR) FOLLOWS

	JULY-JUNE		JULY-JUNE	
	1974/75		1975/76	
	SKR	PERCENT	SKR	PERCENT
	MILLIONS OF TOTAL		MILLIONS OF TOTAL	
MULTILATERAL AID	750.0	35.7	1,050.0	36.7
BILATERAL AID	1,297.9	61.8	1,763.3	60.7
ADMINISTRATION, TRAINING				
AND INFORMATION	52.1	2.5	73.7	2.6
TOTAL	2,100.0	100.0	2,860.0	100.0

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